



DEER MANAGEMENT APPLICATION

Indian Hill Hunting Rules
Regulations and Code of Ordinances

2023





INDIAN HILL RANGERS POLICE DEPARTMENT

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CHIEF OF POLICE

Dear Hunters,

Welcome to the Indian Hill Deer Management and Hunting Program. The 2022 hunting season produced a lower harvest rate than the 2021 season. The total number of deer harvested during the hunting season last year was 135. The primary goal is to reduce the deer population which will decrease the number of deer/vehicle accidents. The deer related auto accidents decreased by 1 in 2022. Also, the most important goal of the program is to continue to operate safely in 2023. Our program is stringent. It requires that each hunter provide personal information and be in constant communication with the police department during the hunting season.

We still require that all documentation must be completed prior to ANY hunting. You **MUST** be approved and receive a HUNTING PASS from the Rangers prior to any hunting. The following forms must be completed and returned to the Ranger Station:

- Release of Personal Information Agreement
- Hunters Safety Certification
- Indian Hill Written Permission Form for Hunting
- A recent copy of a background check from the county of your residence (usually obtained at your sheriff's office) or a copy of a valid Ohio Concealed Carry Permit.
- Proof of personal liability insurance (minimum of \$500,000 required) which is normally included in your homeowner's or renter's policy, i.e. Certificate of Insurance

Hunters are **REQUIRED** to call (513) 979-6209 and report the state tag number, name of hunter, sex of the deer, and date it was harvested (or email the harvest information to ihhunt@indianhill.gov). The police department will update each hunter's file in a database after receiving the information. We are relying on trustworthy and dedicated hunters to give us an accurate deer count. Our harvest count is based on the honor system and failing to contact us gives a low and fictitious count. A low deer-count forces policy changes and jeopardizes the bow hunting program as you know it. If the herd numbers increase, we will institute the mandatory doe policy in the future. Please attempt to harvest at least one antlerless deer in 2023.

Remember, it is a privilege to hunt in the City of Indian Hill's Hunting Program – not a right! The program goals of safety and the reduction of the deer population must be met for the program to continue in 2024. I would like to ask all our hunters to be conscious of our rules, regulations and Indian Hill Ordinances for 2023. These infractions are very time consuming to enforce and citations will be issued when the law is violated. We appreciate your cooperation and we hope that the 2023-24 season will be safe and plentiful for all.

Thank you,
Lt. Shawn Perdue
Indian Hill Rangers
sperdue@indianhill.gov
(513) 561-7000



2023 Deer Management Program

The City of Indian Hill has instituted a program to maximize safety for both the hunters and the residents of the city during hunting season. The purpose of the program is to manage the size of the deer population while insuring that the *safety needs* of the residents and the persons that utilize the green areas are met.

If you, as the hunter, come into contact with any other persons, please be courteous. There are other persons that use the City of Indian Hill Property for their legitimate purposes also. Safety is of extreme importance. If there should be a disagreement of any sort, refer the other person to the Indian Hill Rangers.

Remember, hunting within the City of Indian Hill is a privilege. Failure to comply with the outlined rules, regulations, and Indian Hill Ordinances will result in suspension or revocation of the written permission from the city manager or his/her designee.

The hunters that participate in the bow hunting program within the City of the Village of Indian Hill will be grouped into two categories. The first category will be hunters that are assigned to public property or green areas to hunt. The second category of hunters will be the hunters that have been given permission to hunt on private property. There will be separate regulations for each of the two categories, but there will be some common rules that are applicable to both categories.

The Indian Hill Rangers will not maintain a referral list of hunters or properties requesting hunters. Soliciting for private property hunting will not be allowed.

The Indian Hill Rangers will accept applications for hunting passes July 28, 2023 through September 17, 2023.



Deer Management Program

2023 General Rules

1. All hunting within the City of Indian Hill will be governed by the State of Ohio game laws and the Indian Hill Ordinances regarding hunting. Each hunter will be responsible for knowing and complying with these laws. In addition, all hunting within Indian Hill will be with the written permission of the City Manager of Indian Hill or his/her designee. Upon being granted written permission from the city manager, all hunting within the city will be governed by the City of Indian Hill's Hunting Ordinances.
2. To increase the safety of the residents, persons, and visitors within the city, each hunter must have attended a hunter's safety education course. Each potential hunter must provide proof of attendance from a state approved hunter's safety course in order to receive written permission to hunt pursuant to this program.
3. For safety reasons, each hunter must provide a criminal history background check, which can be obtained from your county sheriff's office or a copy of a valid Ohio Concealed Carry Permit. No other state for CCW will be permitted.
4. All hunting shall be with a bow and arrow only. There will be no hunting with firearms of any kind. Discharge of firearms within the city limits is prohibited by law!
5. For the purpose of safety, all hunting must be from a tree stand. These stands must have the hunter's name clearly visible upon the tree stand. **Hunting privileges will be revoked for the season if the stand is not properly marked.** The tree stands must be placed out of sight of horse trails, walking paths and residences whenever possible. **If a ground blind is discovered on a property, all registered hunters assigned to that property will have their hunting privileges revoked for the season.**
6. Hunters are required to call the (513) 979-6209 hunting line and report the state tag number, name of hunter, sex of the deer, and date it was harvested. Also, hunters can email harvest information to ihhunt@indianhill.gov
7. All deer that are harvested must be tagged in accordance with the State of Ohio game laws.
8. The City of Indian Hill reserves the right to refuse to issue passes for hunting based upon the welfare and/or needs of the city and totality of the circumstances. Also, the city may revoke hunting privileges in Indian Hill for violations of Ohio Game Laws, Indian Hill Ordinances, or rules and regulations regarding hunting in Indian Hill.
9. **You must be 18 years of age to participate in the hunting program.**
10. Fall turkey hunting is permitted in Indian Hill for all registered deer hunters. You must hunt from a stand. No ground hunting for deer, turkey and/or coyotes. If you harvest a turkey, you must check it in with the state and then check it in with IH and provide the state tag number.
11. While pursuing deer, it is encouraged to shoot coyotes if the opportunity presents itself. If a hunter kills a coyote please email the date and time of harvest to ihhunt@indianhill.gov



Deer Management Program

2023 City Owned Property Regulations

1. All hunters granted written permission to hunt city owned property must follow all the general rules, regulations, Indian Hill Hunting Ordinances and Ohio game laws.
2. The city property is divided into numbered zones. Each hunter will be assigned a specific zone. Permission to hunt City of Indian Hill property will extend to that zone only. The initial briefing with the designated Ranger will outline the limits of the designated zone. Each hunter will be responsible to know the limits of their assigned hunting zone and must not trespass on private property or other city owned property.
3. Each hunter will be assigned a designated entry point and parking location. The hunter will park their vehicle in the designated location. He/she will be responsible for displaying their pass on the left side of the dash of the vehicle. The Rangers will contact nearby residents and they will be advised of the entry points and the hunter's locations.
4. Hunters that are assigned city owned property are prohibited from pursuing any deer that have been wounded and run out of the limits of city owner property. If a deer runs out of the limits of the assigned hunting zone, hunters are required to contact the Indian Hill Rangers at 561-7000. The police department will attempt to assist the hunters in gaining permission to continue their pursuit of the animal into private property or any other city owned property. However, it is not the responsibility of the Rangers to track or pursue a wounded deer.
5. Hunters are required to call the (513) 979-6209 hunting line and report the state tag number, name of hunter, sex of the deer, and date it was harvested. Also, hunters can email harvest information to ihhunt@indianhill.gov
6. The city owned properties (greenbelts) are full and the Rangers are not accepting new hunters for these areas. The pass holders of 2022 can request their previous greenbelts for 2023. However, the Indian Hill Chief of Police assigns the areas at his discretion.
7. Each greenbelt or # Area has one hunter assigned to the greenbelt by the city manager or his/her designee. The hunter assigned can request family or friends to hunt the same greenbelt. Any requests for others to hunt within the assigned greenbelt must be approved and all requirements must be met.
8. Starting 09/30/2017, the assigned hunter for each # Area must kill one deer every two years. If not, the assigned hunter may lose the privilege to hunt city owned land.



Deer Management Program

2023 Private Property Regulations

1. All hunters that are granted permission to hunt private property must follow all of the general rules, regulations, Indian Hill Hunting Ordinances and Ohio game laws. In addition to the regulations and laws, the hunter is required to obtain written permission from the property owner and is, by law, required to carry that written permission on their person when they hunt.
2. Due to safety issues arising from hunters being in close proximity to residences, hunting shall be permitted only on property that consists of three (3) acres or greater.
3. **Hunters are prohibited from hunting on more than ten (10) properties in any given year.** Hunters can add or delete hunting properties during the season by requesting changes to the program coordinator.
4. Hunters are responsible to meet with the owner of the private property where they are hunting and know the property limits on which they have permission to hunt. The private property hunter will park their vehicle on the property where they have permission to hunt and it will be required for the hunter to display their hunting pass on the left side of the dash of their vehicle. Hunters, please do not park vehicles on the street.
5. Private property hunters are prohibited from pursuing any deer that have been wounded and run onto city owned property or other privately-owned property. If the animal runs into city owned property, the hunter must contact the Indian Hill Rangers at 561-7000 to obtain permission to continue their pursuit. If the animal runs onto private property, the hunter must again contact the Indian Hill Rangers. The police department will attempt to assist the hunter in gaining permission to continue their pursuit onto the private property. However, it is not the responsibility of the Rangers to track or pursue a wounded deer.
6. Hunters are required to call the (513) 979-6209 hunting line and report the state tag number, name of hunter, sex of the deer, and date it was harvested. Also, hunters can email harvest information to ihhunt@indianhill.gov



Indian Hill Rangers

Release of Personal Information Agreement

Name:		
Address:		
City:	State:	ZIP:
Date of Birth:		
Social Security Number:		
Driver License Number:		State:
Email Address:		
As the person identified above, I hereby agree and permit the Indian Hill Police Department to conduct an investigation into my background, including but not limited to my criminal record, and agree to permit the Indian Hill Police Department to release any information learned about my background and criminal record, if any to:		
Signed:		Date:
Witness:		
Address:		
Have you been convicted of a game law violation in the last five (5) years? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, explain:		

Permission for Hunting

Permission is hereby granted to the undersigned sportsperson for hunting on land owned by the undersigned landowner or their agent for the date(s) listed and according to the condition outlined by the City of Indian Hill Hunting Program. Also, the landowner or their agent's signature authorizes the Indian Hill Rangers to go on the property to inspect or enforce the ordinances of the hunting program. In accepting this pass, I agree to release the landowner from any or all liability for personal injuries, property damage, or the loss of life or property resulting from, or in any way connected with the issuance of this pass.

Locations to be Hunted (Please Print)

1	Address to be Hunted:		Lot Acreage:
	Owner's Printed Name:	Owner's Signature:	
2	Address to be Hunted:		Lot Acreage:
	Owner's Printed Name:	Owner's Signature:	
3	Address to be Hunted:		Lot Acreage:
	Owner's Printed Name:	Owner's Signature:	
4	Address to be Hunted:		Lot Acreage:
	Owner's Printed Name:	Owner's Signature:	
5	Address to be Hunted:		Lot Acreage:
	Owner's Printed Name:	Owner's Signature:	
6	Address to be Hunted:		Lot Acreage:
	Owner's Printed Name:	Owner's Signature:	

Hunting Permission Period Dates: 09/30/2023 to 02/04/2024

Sportsperson's Name:		Permanent Pass Number: <i>(if applicable)</i>	
Sportsperson's Address:			
City:		State:	ZIP:
Phone:		Do you need a replacement Permanent Pass? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
By signing below, I agree that I have read, understand, and will abide by all rules, regulations, and ordinances applicable to the hunting program in the City of Indian Hill.			
Sportsperson's Signature:		Date:	

Ways to Meet the Hunter Education Requirements

1. Traditional Hunter Safety Course: Call 1 (800) WILDLIFE for dates and locations.
2. Home Study Course: Call 1-800-WILDLIFE for information on obtaining a packet and study guide. This requires the completion of the study guide and taking a written test at a location designated by ODNR.
3. Call the ODNR district office at (937) 372-9261 for more information. ODNR prefer hunters to take the online test but they will schedule an appointment for a hunter if he/she wants to take it in person.
4. www.wildohio.gov

Deer Hunting Procedures

1. The hunter who harvests a deer must report the kill to ODNR. The system allows for two options to check in a deer. You can go online (www.wildohio.gov) or call the number on your license. You are required to call the Rangers at (513) 979-6209, the hunting line and leave a message with the tag number, hunter's name, sex of the deer, and date it was harvested or email the Ranger's at ihhunt@indianhill.gov with the same information. Questions or concerns please email the Rangers.
2. The *City of Indian Hill Hunting Pass* must be displayed on the left side of the dashboard of the vehicle the hunter is driving (private or public property). The pass must be visible from outside the vehicle. The City hunting pass for 2023-24 is blue and black. Permanent hunter passes (99-) are orange and black.
3. Indian Hill's webpage is indianhill.gov and hunters can print the hunting packet off the website. Also, hunters can fill in their information and then print the completed packets.